CRM 331---WHITE COLLAR CRIME

RESEARCH PAPER

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PURPOSE

In this White Collar Crime Course, we have focused broadly on many different types of White Collar Crime. In this paper, you will have an opportunity to research in-depth one type of White Collar Crime you find of particular interest.

General Instructions

The completed research paper should be typed in MS Word (only), 12 point font, double-spaced format with footnoted or text citations and bibliographic references, not less than 10 pages nor exceeding 20 pages in length. It is expected that you will devote a great deal of initiative toward producing a quality product worthy of the high academic standards established at Saint Leo University. This research paper will represent 20% of the final course grade. You may NOT use a paper you have previously submitted to Saint Leo or elsewhere, even if it is your own work. This is to be an original paper. Hang in there, you will really learn in detail about white collar crime if you research conscientiously.

CITATION FORMAT: You will utilize the APA format for both your citations and Bibliography. It is a relatively simple style for citing sources, and can be easily learned.

GRADING CRITERIA: See Syllabus

As discussed in the Syllabus, your paper will not be graded until I see that it has been properly submitted to Turnitin.com “Revision” Folder. A tip: do not wait until the last few days before the paper is due to submit it to Turnitin.com. Their site gets very busy toward the end of the semester, and there are delays. Plan ahead!

Please note that I am available to assist you at any time. All you have to do is ask!

You may pick one of the following topics for your paper:

1. Consumer Fraud
2. Unsafe Products
3. Environmental Crime
FORMAT OF YOUR PAPER (mandatory to use these subheadings, IN BOLD, as below)

1. **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM** (examples: auto manufacturers know of unsafe products, but choose to pay liability claims rather than a more expensive recall; OR, a manufacturing facility is either dumping illegal liquid wastes into Tampa Bay, or hiring unlicensed, shady haulers to “dispose” of it, they know not where.)

2. **WHAT VIOLATIONS OF LAW AND REGULATIONS ARE BEING BROKEN?** (Federal law; State law; violations of regulations of the Federal Trade Commission; Consumer Product Safety Commission; EPA; OSHA; etc.) NOTE: This will require some research on your part to find relevant laws that are being broken.

3. **CITE 3 SPECIFIC CASES THAT HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED OR SUED CIVILLY.** (Do not use cases discussed in book; this is an independent research assignment)
   a. Criminal Prosecutions
   b. Civil Suits
      [For each prosecution or civil lawsuit, give appropriate citation authority]

4. **IF YOU WERE A PROSECUTOR IN A CRIMINAL CASE, OR A PLAINTIFF’S LAWYER IN A CIVIL CASE, HOW WOULD YOU ATTACK THIS PROBLEM?**
   a. Who would you go after?
   b. Why
   c. What agencies would you get to help you?

5. **CORE VALUES**
   No matter which of the topics you choose, you are to consider your topic in light of the core values (see Syllabus).
1. How are the actions involved in the business, corporate, or government decisions reflective of qualities that we see in the SLU Core Values?

2. Would adoption or implementation of the Core Values improve the performance, quality, or integrity of their activities or programs?

Note: This is not to be an after-thought at the end of the paper. I want to see thoughtful insight applied to the application of Core Values to your topic! This is your opinion, so the discussion needs to be analytical, not necessarily factual.

6. BIBLIOGRAPHY (follow correct APA citing procedures; library site will help you).